



**We learn together, we play together, we pray together,
we grow together in the love of God**

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AUTUMN TERM 2024

Friday 15th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children celebrated Anti-Bullying Week. Learning to understand and manage conflict is an important part of growing up. Bullying is not simply a 'falling out'. Research shows that experiencing bullying can have a significant impact on a child's life well into adulthood. To ensure we are able to prevent bullying, act quickly when it takes place and avoid misidentifying bullying, it is vital that there is a shared definition of bullying. The Anti-Bullying Alliance and its members have an agreed shared definition of bullying based on research from across the world over the last 30 years: *the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online.*

This year's theme - Choose Respect - has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

On Wednesday, all the infant children walked to Our Lady of Lourdes School for a free theatre event, organised by the Arts Depot with the aim of connecting young people to theatre and performance. The children thoroughly enjoyed making cardboard shields, instruments and badges! This afternoon, our Y2 pupils are participating in the Infant Music Festival at Brookland Infants, where they will be singing a range of songs along with pupils from Brookland Infants and Martin Primary School. I would like to say thank you to all the adults involved in both trips.

A reminder that every day after school next week from 3.15pm-3.45pm in the school hall, we are hosting the Travelling Book Fair. The more books we sell at the fair, the more money we raise for the school library. If we sell over £400 worth of books, the school will receive 40% of the money in reward to be able to buy books for the school; if we sell over £800 worth of books, the reward goes up to 50%!

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Little Saints After School Club

Where? St. Theresa's School multi-purpose room

When? Every day after school until 6pm

Please contact Vicky for further information.

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NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends are delighted to invite you to the St. Theresa's Christmas Jingle Mingle! Join us on Thursday 5th December from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm in the school hall for a festive evening full of joy and Christmas spirit. This family-friendly event will feature:

- Live DJ providing great music to get everyone dancing
- Hot food to keep you warm and satisfied
- Fully licensed bar
- Festive stalls for a bit of seasonal shopping and fun

Mark your calendar, and don't miss out on this wonderful event, perfect for children and families to come together and celebrate the Christmas season.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Friends of St. Theresa's

Applications for Nursery January 2025

Applications are invited for the new **Nursery** for January 2025 – this is for children who are 3 by 31st December 2024). Children who will be 3 by 31st March 2025 can also apply and will be admitted in the summer term.

The application forms are available to download from the school website.

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Nursery-School-Application-Form-2024-2025.pdf>

Please return your completed application forms to the school office.

Applications for Reception September 2025

Applications are invited for the **Reception Class** for **September 2025** – this is for children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. The deadline to return this to the school office is 15th January 2025.

The forms are available to download on the school website.

Please also be advised that you must also complete a CAF (Common Application Form) from Barnet - the on-line system is already open: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for 2024-2025 is 96%

Period	Whole school attendance
From 3/9/24 - now	95.7%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 are still in the lead with 97.5% attendance and Y6 are in 2nd place!

At the end of the year, in July 2025, the class with the highest record of attendance will win a non-school uniform day!



The Wednesday Word

“God is faithful, and if we serve him faithfully, he will provide for our needs.” *St Richard of Chichester*

A faithful person is a gift to the world. Ask your child what the word ‘faithfulness’ means to them. Do they know someone who is faithful and who always keeps their promises? It may help your child if you can talk about a person you know to be a faithful friend, and say why.

To be faithful is to be true to someone or something. How can we grow in faithfulness to God and to each other? Perhaps we can: set aside a few minutes each day to pray to God and ask him to help us grow in faithfulness; follow the teachings of Jesus; keep our promises – making sure that if we tell someone [or we tell God] that we will do something, we do it

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/faithfulness?pid=MTA101634&cv=154.3>

“Travelling Books” Book Fair

Celebrate reading at our Book Fair!

Reading for pleasure is transformative for pupils' academic success and personal wellbeing. We are hosting a Book Fair to bring reading to the heart of our school.

WHEN: Monday 18th November to Friday 22nd November.

TIME: From 3:15pm. to 3.45pm

WHERE: School Hall

There are hundreds of books for you and your child to choose from, & with prices starting from only £1.99, we hope that everyone will be able to find a suitable book. Approximately 24% of the titles are under £5.

You will be able to pay for the books you purchase in cash, card or online using a QR code.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library!

It's the perfect place to begin your Christmas shopping!

Match Funding from your Employer

Match funding is a fantastic scheme whereby employers provide funding for organisations such as primary schools. It is a very simple and easy means of extra funding. As an employee it doesn't cost you anything, except maybe a little help at an event but could mean *hundreds of pounds* of extra money for the PSA, which directly benefits the children. In many cases it is as simple as approaching your HR department and finding out about their scheme (the name of the scheme may differ depending on the company). If you think you may be able to help us, then please do contact the PSA.

Safeguarding at St. Theresa's

Miss Costa is the Designated Safeguarding Lead at the school; Mr Troy and Mrs Folan are members of the safeguarding team. Parents can find the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy on the school website: <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Child-Protection-and-Safeguarding-Policy-September-2024.pdf>

Birthday Treats

Please note that if it is your child's birthday, we ask that, rather than bringing in sweets or treats, a book or book token is donated to the school. Please note that the staff have been told not to hand out any birthday sweets or treats.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs daily from 7.45am - 8.30am in the school hall for £4. Please let the school office know if you would like your child to attend. Please ensure you pay for breakfast club charges in advance of your child attending, or on the morning. Please ring the doorbell labelled “Breakfast Club” when you get to school in the morning, and a member of the breakfast club team will let your child in.

Reception	Chimaruzo for his improved listening skills and for working hard in all of his lessons. Simran for making an effort to form her letters correctly.
Year 1	Kayden for his hard work across all the subjects. Theo for his beautiful progress in Reading .
Year 2	Aaron for his outstanding efforts in art activities. Theo for writing an interesting description of the barn owl – Plop.
Year 3	Ethan for working really hard. Joan for getting involved and trying her best in all lessons.
Year 4	Gabriela for always working hard in all lessons. Roksana for working hard to include the key features in her biography.
Year 5	Max for trying really hard across all subjects and putting in lots of effort. Max has shown great resilience. Samuel for focusing more in lessons in order to produce better work. Samuel has shown great improvement in his learning behaviour.
Year 6	Elizabeth for working well and having a go at writing a biography on Charles Darwin. Albert for showing a great understanding in his maths learning this week.
The Golden Ticket Winners are: <i>Elena (Y3)</i> <i>Asante (Y2)</i>	

What is bullying?

Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online. It is behaviour that hurts someone else. It includes name calling, hitting, pushing, spreading rumours, threatening or undermining someone. If you think your child is being bullied, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Dates for your diary

Fri 15 th Nov	1.30pm Y2 at Infant Music Festival (Brookland Infants School)
Fri 15 th Nov	3.15pm Reception Class Cake Sale
Mon 18 th Nov	Y6 Bikeability
Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd Nov	3.15pm-3.45pm Travelling Book Fair
Tues 19 th Nov	9.30am/1.30pm and 7pm Prospective parent tour
Wed 20 th Nov	Y5 trip to the Charterhouse Museum
Fri 22 nd Nov	Y1 trip to Fire Station
Wed 4 th Dec	Y3 trip to Advent Carol Service at Westminster Cathedral
Thurs 5 th Dec	6pm-8pm The Friends' Jingle Mingle
Fri 13 th Dec	9.30am Y1 and Y2 Christmas Show
Mon 16 th Dec	6pm Y5 Carol Concert (in school)
Wed 18 th Dec	School Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Thurs 19 th Dec	Class party day
Fri 20 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term - 1pm finish
Mon 6th Jan	School closed to children
Tues 7th Jan	Children back at school
*New dates in bold	

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR
MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER - FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2024
3.15PM – 3.45PM

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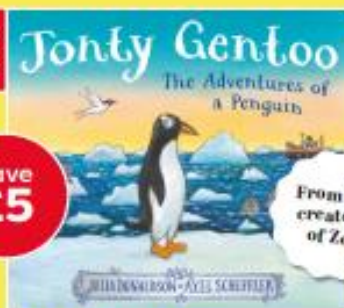
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